

HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

GOOD PEOPLE GO TO HEAVEN...DON'T THEY? – Part 1

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“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.”

Romans 3:20 (NIV)

I. WHY THE “GOOD PEOPLE GO TO HEAVEN” THEORY IS SO POPULAR:

1. It seems like _____.

2. You'll _____.

3. It motivates _____.

4. It's very consistent _____.

II. PROBLEMS WITH THE “GOOD PEOPLE GO TO HEAVEN” THEORY:

1. There is _____.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23 (NIV)

“There is no one righteous, not even one.” Romans 3:10 (NIV)

2. We don't know _____.

3. It makes a _____.

Jesus – “For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:20 (NIV)

“One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don't you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus answered him, ‘I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.’” Luke 23:39-43 (NIV)

• **Everybody** _____(Romans 10:13)

• **Everybody** _____(John 14:6)

• **Everybody** _____(John 3:16)